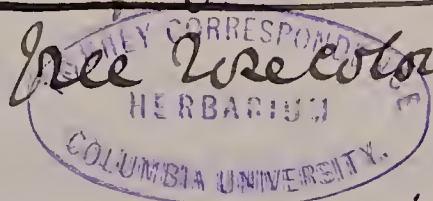


Hymenomyces Britannici by the
Rev John Stevenson with illustrations in two
volumes. Vol I Agarici & Polyporici.
William Blackwood and Sons Edinburgh & London
1856. p.p. 372.

The first volume of Mr Stevenson's book
has at last appeared and will be
received of the British Student of Mycology as
a boon: ~~for~~ inasmuch as hitherto
the descriptions of our Hymenomyces
have been scattered without order in
various Publications - The main idea of this
work undoubtedly is to give the English
speaking Student of fungi in his own language
an accurate translation - or rather "an inter-
pretation of the mind of Fries" with this
object Mr Stevenson has availed himself of
the descriptions in the Hymenomyces Europaei
as a basis and has incorporated with these
not only the fuller details given in the
Monographia but also whatever information
is contained in the smaller works of Fries

as well as in the letterpress of the "Icones"
 The collation of this for the 800 species Reichen
 in the present volume has been for me
 a trivial work and Mr. Stevenson is to be
 congratulated upon the success of his attempt.
 The ~~descript~~ books printed in ^aclear type and is
 well got up on every respect. The method
 adopted in printing the description is such
 as to render them available not only as
 descriptions but also for diagnostic purposes.
 For example.

411. *Salicinus* Pur Pileus 2.5 cent. (1 in.)
 and more broad, bluish grey then cinereous,
 slightly fleshy convex then plane. somewhat
 umbonate. smooth but floccoso-rugulose and
 darker at the disc. Stem 2.5 - 5 cent. (1 - 2 in.)
 long. 2 m. m. (1 line) or a little more thick
stuffed equal filulose fragile white-azure blue, or
 sometime becoming green Silly see recoloration



= = heavy Rom.
 — = italics.

name - Salix willow

The illustration of the genera and
subgenera ^{in nature} as ~~fig~~ of Mr W. G. Smith
the measurements are in various
authors and are all given in milli-
meters - noticeable

The ~~noticable~~ feature in the book is the
fullness with which the description of the sub-
genera, and ^{the} large subgenera of the
"Series" are given this is a great im-
provement upon the scanty manner in
which they have been treated in our
previous text-book -

Charles B. F. Smith

W. H. King & Co. King, & Co.

May 23. 1856.

